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REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-31 remain in this application. Dependent claim 6 is now canceled.

In a telephonic conference with the Examiner on October 26, 2005, it was agreed that claim 6 appeared to be patentable. In an effort to reduce the issues under consideration in this application, Applicant has amended all the independent claims previously on file to include the limitations of claim 6.

Accordingly, the claims remaining should now all be in allowable form.

Applicant intends to pursue the original claims in a separate application.

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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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